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TO: The Record

FROM: Julianne Nassif

DATE: July 7, 2011

RE: Proposal Addendum Coverdell Grant 2009 (2009-CD-BX-0028)

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health received \$70,453 as part of the 2009 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Grant program. This funding was dispersed by the Massachusetts State Police to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health via an interagency service agreement (ISA). The budget for 2009 included salary, fringe and indirect for 1 new chemist as well as, funding for travel & training and supplies. While the grant period officially started on October 1, 2009, the ISA was not fully executed and transfer of the funding was not realized until several months later. An analytical chemist, Stacey Feiden was hired on March 22, 2010. As a result, there was considerable vacancy savings on the account. The laboratory requested that the vacancy savings be used to fund overtime for chemists to analyze seized drugs and as such \$18217.91 was used.